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DECEMBER 24TH, 23:25

UNDER-WATER

16 KILO-METERS EAST OF TDD

SHARK-1 TO ALL UNITS.

LOOKS LIKE TDD-1 HAS NOTICED US. CHANGING COURSE TO 1-0-5.

SHARK-2, AFFIRM-ATIVE.

SHARK-3, AFFIRMATIVE. LOOKS JUST LIKE TEXT BOOK TACTICS... WHAT A TYPICAL CAPTAIN.

YEAH, THEY'RE UNDERESTIMATING LEVIATHAN'S ABILITIES.

THIS IS A SPECIALIZED UNDERWATER A.S.

FOR HIGH SPEED ASSAULT AND RETREAT. THAT HUGE SUBMARINE IS TOO SLOW TO BE OUR OPPONENT.

MISSION067 RELATION BETWEEN 3 SUBMARINERS

BREAK!!

I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON.

IT'S NOTHING.

WHAT HAPPEN-ED?

That incom-petent and highly strung former commanding officer of the British navy, who ruined my career.

That man is probably in command of the submarine right now, instead of the trouble-some girl Captain.

This is my revenge,

Richard Marukas!!

DISCONNECT THE COM-MUNICATION CABLES AND CHANGE COURSE TO 1-0-5.

CONTACT THE GROUND FORCES.

INCREASE SPEED TO 30 KNOTS, DROP 20 DEGREES AND DIVE TO 300.

AS OF NOW, WE WILL COMMENCE A.S.W.

MISSION067 RELATION BETWEEN 3 SUBMARINERS

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR...

MEANWHILE, ON THE PACIFIC CHRYSALIS

...YES...

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT THEY PUSHED ME AWAY INSTEAD OF USING ME AS A SHIELD WHEN THEY WERE BEING FIRED AT?

THEY PRIORITIZED YOUR SAFETY.

WHY?

OF COURSE NOT.

I GUESS WE CAN'T GET PAST THEM BY USING HER AS A SHIELD...

...ME.

NO, IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, DO WE!? EVERYONE'S ALREADY DRAGGED INTO THIS MESS...!!

CHI-DORI...

I CAN ACT AS THE DECOY.

.....

IF PEOPLE GET INJURED OR DIE BECAUSE OF ME...

THAT DEFINITELY CAN'T HAPPEN.

OKAY... I'LL DISCUSS IT WITH THE LIEUTENANT.

2ND DECK, LEFT CORRIDOR

CAN YOU TAKE THEM DOWN?

IF IT'S JUST TWO OF THEM... BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH AMMO.

TWO ENEMIES, TWO INJURED, NONE DEAD.

WE'RE HOLDING THEM BACK WITH FOCUSED FIRE BUT, WE'LL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT OF AMMO.

ROGER, WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

Shit... I didn't expect everything to become so compli-cated...

WE NEED MORE TIME AND SLOWLY RETREAT.

HOLD YOUR POSITION

AFFIRM-ATIVE

It'll be nearly impossible to guide all the passengers and the crew to the rescue boat.

We also need additional time for the safe.

Then there's that matter regarding Captain Testa-rossa...

WHAT IS IT?

I HAVE A PLAN.

URUZ-7 TO URUZ-1.

SHE SAYS "THEY SHOULD ALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONNECT TO THE DATALINK".

THAT'S DANGEROUS... AND HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ATTRACT THE ENEMY?

...WHAT? USE ANGEL AS A DECOY!?

IF WE CAREFULLY SET UP THE BAIT, THEY ARE LIKELY TO CONTACT EACH OTHER AND GATHER AT THAT AREA.

HHPPT...

...ALRIGHT.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY ALTER-NATIVES ANYWAY.

.....

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TRUST ANGEL'S ABILITY.

000

...CHIDORI.

OKAY.

WE'RE OKAY TO PROCEED. LET'S BEGIN.

YEAH.

I KNOW.

IT'S NOT A PROB-LEM.

I'LL DEFI-NITELY PROTECT YOU.

SPLASH

SPLASH

AHAHA

I think her life is more important to me than this mission...

I've experienced many decoy operations in the past...

Yet I can't remain calm right now...

What is this anxiety...

She is more important to me than anything else.

I think I...

This isn't just some excuse...

SORRY, KANAME-SAN, THE SITUATION...

WHAT, THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS...

BUT... AHH... UNDERSTOOD... I'LL LET YOU HANDLE THIS.

...!? WHAT HAPPENED? CHIDORI!

AH... TESSA? SORRY, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING RIGHT NOW...

SHIT!

cha-tchak

WHAT...

DO IT!!

NOW!!

LOOK OVER HERE!!

BANG

VOOOOOOM

RUN!!

THROW

KON KON KON

WOW!

KON

HELL

GEBO-9, IS SANTA CLAUS HERE YET!?

SHIT!!

TEAM G, RETREAT FROM E13 TO E15!!

2ND DECK, LEFT CORRIDOR

CAPTAIN! WHERE ARE YOU? AND WHAT ABOUT THAT PASSENGER!?

URUZ-1, THIS IS ANTHAZ. WHAT IS THE SITUA-TION?

OKAY, CONNECT ME THROUGH.

ANTHAZ IS TRYING TO CONNECT VIA THE SHIP'S INTERNAL PHONE.

WHAT ABOUT TDD-1?

IT'S NEARLY COMPLETE.

HAVE WE RELOCATED ALL THE HOSTAGES?

STILL UNKNOWN.

WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN HARRIS?

STILL NO PROGRESS.

THE SAFE?

WE'RE STILL TOGETHER, BUT I MANAGED TO GET AWAY.

ANYWAY, REGARDING THAT ROBOT, CONTINUE TO PROCEED WITH ANGEL'S PLANS.

UNDER-STOOD.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER HAS TAKEN COMMAND, AND HAS BEGAN COMBAT.

THEIR OBJECTIVE IS PROBABLY TO SINK OUR SUB.

THREE 50 KNOT CLASS SUBMARINE UNITS ARE HEADING IT'S WAY.

I SEE...

With Lieutenant Commander is in charge... this will be a desperate battle.

Dansan brings out its highest combat potential when Teletha Testarossa is in command.

HUH?

BUT IF IT'S JUST THE LIEUTENANT COMMAND-ER...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MARDUKAS USED TO BE CALLED DURING HIS DAYS BACK IN THE BRITISH NAVY?

NO...

THEN WE'LL BE FINE.

HIS MOVEMENTS ARE QUIET, AND THE TACTICS ARE REALISTIC.

THE DUKE.

HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS MEDALS FOR TOP SECRET MISSIONS THAT WERE NEVER OFFICIALLY RECORDED.

THE CREW MIGHT BE SEEING IT RIGHT NOW...

IF YOU THINK HE'S JUST SOME NOISY TECH, YOU'RE GREATLY MISTAKEN.

THERE IS NO SUBMARINER OUT THERE THAT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE THE NAME DUKE.

THAT'S OUR LIEUTENANT COMMAND-ER ?

A HABIT OF HIS THAT EVEN I'VE NOT SEEN MYSELF.

GRAB

SOMETHING HE ONLY DOES WHEN HE BECOMES THE DUKE...

GENTLEMEN, IT'S TIME FOR BATTLE.

with your daughter's submarine.

Let us fight together, Carl...

THIS SUBMARINE IS THE TRUE QUEEN OF DEATH THAT PATROLS THE SEAS.

BUT THEY'LL SOON REALIZE THAT THEY ARE THE ONES BEING PREYED UPON.

THE ENEMY PROBABLY THINKS THIS IS JUST A MASSIVE, SLOW MOVING TARGET.

AYE, SIR! CHANGING COURSE TO 2-0-5!!

MANEUVERING CHANGE COURSE TO 2-0-5.

AYE, SIR!! ALL MVLS ARMED WITH MAVERICK!!

EQUIP ALL THE MVLS WITH MAVERICK.

FCO, REPORT!

FCO, AT MY SIGNAL, OPEN THE FIRST AND SECOND TORPEDO HATCH.

AYE, SIR!! READY!!

FCO REPORTING!! COMPLETED FIRST AND SECOND MISSILE HAVE BEEN ARMED!!

AYE, SIR!!

SONAR ROOM REPORT WHEN CAVITATION HAS GONE OUT.

AND DECREASE SPEED

MANEUVERING, STOP THE EMFC

AYE, OPENING NUMBERS 1 AND 2!!

OPEN NUMBERS 1 AND 2

MEASURING IN FIVE SECONDS... TWO... ONE... CAVITATION COMPLETED!!

CONE SONAR IS OUT...

AFTER-WARDS, DROP SPEED BY ONE-THIRD TO 20 KNOTS.

CONTINUE FOR NOW. AFTER TWENTY SECONDS, ACTIVATE EMFC WITH FIRST LIEUTENANT DEAN'S SIGNAL.

BUT LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, IF WE DO THAT, THE ENEMY'S ATTACK WILL.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, THE ENEMY HAS A CLEAR VIEW OF US.

THEY'VE ALREADY NOTICED US LONG A TIME AGO.

AYE.

ADSLMM 1 AND 2 LAUNCHED.

SWIM OUT NUMBERS 1 AND 2.

CONTACT EMFC AC-TIVATED!!

EMFC ON MY MARK. FIVE, FOUR, THREE... CONTACT!!

A... AYE, SIR.

THERE'S NO TIME. FIRST LIEUTENANT DEAN.

GOOD.

GENTLEMEN, DON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THE ENEMY'S SPEED.

ANXIETY WILL ONLY LEAD TO MISTAKES.

HOWEVER, THE ENEMY CAN STILL SEE US.

SONAR ROOM, LISTEN CARE-FULLY.

AYE, SIR!!

THIS MOMENT.

FOR NOW, JUST ENJOY

SORRY ABOUT THAT...

NOT YET.

SHALL WE GO NOW?

YOU TOOK YOUR TIME.

TOILET

UMMM... WELL...

HE SAVED MY LIFE AS WELL AS THE VESSEL I WAS ON BACK WHEN I WAS STILL SERVING THE LOWER DECKS.

YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE DUKE,

AS WELL AS HIS REAL NAME.

WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT?

I DIDN'T HEAR ALL THE DETAILS, BUT I HEARD MOST OF IT.

DESPITE MY LOOKS, MY EARS ARE PRETTY GOOD.

...!!

WHO WERE YOU SPEAKING WITH?

DURING THE MISSION AT BARENTS SEA, OUR VESSEL WAS DAMAGED BY THE SOVIET NAVY AND WAS ON THE VERGE OF SINKING.

CAPTAIN DUKE...

OF THE BRITISH NUCLEAR SUBMARINE "TURBULENT"

SAVED US.

AS THANKS, AS WELL AS A JOKE.

TURBULENT S87 HMS

AFTERWARDS, MY CAPTAIN, LIEUTENANT TESTAROSSA, SENT HIM A U.S. MILITARY STYLE CAP OF THE TURBULENT

It can't be...

Sailor-san was...

I WAS THE ONE THAT PERSONALLY HANDED IT TO HIM...

I STILL REMEMBER IT.

A long time ago... there was that one time...

He never told me that... but...

my father's subordinate, and...

Mardukas-san was a friend of my father?

TURBULENT
587 HMS

WELL...

JUST WHO ARE YOU? SPEAK UP!!

YOU'RE HIDING THINGS FROM ME, AREN'T YOU!?

I HEARD THAT MR. MARDUKAS BECAME AN EXECUTIVE AT A SHIPPING COMPANY AFTER HE RETIRED FROM THE NAVY.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, THEN?

ACTUALLY, I'M THE SAME AS YOU...

...I'M ALSO THE CAPTAIN.

Maybe I should seek his assistance...

I suppose there is no harm in disclosing my rank as well as my current situation...

YOU PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE ME, BUT...

I'M BEING SERIOUS HERE.

IT'S THE TRUTH ...

SIR, THAT GIRL IS THE LEADER OF THE TERROR-ISTS.

STEP

CAPTAIN... HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE TOY BOX?

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS GIRL.

AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE TOY BOX.

I ALSO NEED YOU TO RETIRE IMMEDIATELY.

tchak

GRIN

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO EXPLAIN.

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

AND WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME!?

UHHH...

OHHH...

!

!!

LLLLY...

RUN... STRANGE MAID...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON HERE, BUT...

AH!!

SAILOR-SAN!!

I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU INSTEAD OF CHIDORI KANAME.

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME.

I'M SURE THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE CAPTAIN OF TDD.

2ND DECK, LEFT CORRIDOR

MISSION 068 FULL METAL - SANTA CLAUS

VOOOOOM

THEY RETREAT-ED...?

NO, THEY WENT AFTER THE BAIT.

USING THE DATALINK ABILITY THAT ANGEL HAD MENTIONED.

SANTA CLAUS
FUNK METEOR
MISSION 88

STEP

STEP

DON'T REST, RUN!!

HAH

HAH

STEP

WHO CAME UP WITH THIS STUPID PLAN!?

YOU DID!

!!

OPEN

THAT DOOR IN FRONT OF YOU, HURRY!!

STEP

STEP

STEP

STEP

STEP

HA
!?
N...
HEHEHE

TEAM G, GROUP UP!!

GO, KANAME !!

WE'LL HANDLE THEM!!

RUN, KANAME !!

BUT...

LET'S GO.

コトナナナ。

STEP

STEP

STEP

STEP

OUCH

...

STAND UP!! THAT'S JUST A SCRATCH!!

KUDAN!

HEY...

I'M NOT LIKE YOU, I'M JUST A NORMAL...

WE'RE CLOSE TO THE GOAL.

LET'S GO, COMRADE!!

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HAH

HAH

I knew that we were never the typical "Honey" and "Darling" type,

but...

Geez... that nickname fits us perfectly.

Comrade, huh...

ドドド

I DON'T WANT CHRISTMAS LIKE THIS!!

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

I THINK THIS IS A VERY FITTING NIGHT FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?

GIVE IT BACK!! MY PRECIOUS 17TH BIRTH-DAY!!

I'M CRYING!!

I AGREE ... Haaah.

WHY DO YOU LAUGH?

Gather around!!

Yeah!

Kill it!!

That a guy like this...

It doesn't make any sense...

This is just stupid...

A guy like this...

is someone that I'm in love with.

To all the couples out there that spend a normal Christmas:

What do you all think? Are you jealous?

My Christmas carol is gunfire, explosion and shouting,

and my dress is a wet school uniform.

No one else in this entire world could pull off a Christmas like this!!

YEAH, EXACTLY AS WE PLANNED.

URUZ-1 TO URUZ-7, WE'RE OUT OF AMMO. WE CAN'T ASSIST ANY FURTHER.

THEY'VE CAUGHT UP...

URUZ-7, AFFIRM-ATIVE.

BEST OF LUCK.

YOU WERE THE ONE THAT ASSURED US THAT THEY WOULDN'T.

THEY... LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US.

I DON'T PLAN

TO DIE HERE.

I'LL PROBABLY BE FINE, BUT YOU...

NOW, AND IN THE FUTURE.

MY JOB IS TO PROTECT YOU.

ROGER.

...

YOU HAVE MY APPROVAL TO FIRE AT THE TARGET.

SPARK
SPARK
SPARK

オン

ROGER, ECS OFF.

MODE 4, READY ON STAY ALERT.

ALL TARGETS DE-STROYED.

YOUR ORDERS?

DISABLE ECS. STANDBY AT MASTER MODE 4.

I'M NOT INTER-ESTED. SHUT UP.

COMPLETED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THE RESULTS?

UH...

ROGER.

SERGEANT, WHEN YOU SAY "UGLY A.S.", ARE YOU REFERRING TO ME AND THIS UNIT?

TRY TO WORK IT OUT.

...IS IT OVER?

YEAH, IF IT WASN'T FOR THE BACK OF THIS UGLY A.S., THE VIEW WOULD BE GREAT.

AH...

WHAT'S WRONG, CHIDORI?

KANAME-SAN,

LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING WORKED OUT. I'M GLAD...

WHERE ARE YOU, TESSA!?

SECTION C16 OF THE OBSERVATION DECK, BUT HARRIS HAS ALREADY COMPLETED THE PREPARATIONS TO TAKE ME AWAY AND ESCAPE.

THIS MIGHT BE OUR LAST FAREWELL.

I HATE MY POWER-LESSNESS.

IF ONLY I WAS STRONG LIKE YOU...

WAIT, TESSA!!

JUST NOW...

INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT ME, PLEASE ASK THE SOLDIERS TO HEAD OVER TO SECTION H-21 OF THE RIGHT CORRIDOR.

PLEASE, HELP SAILOR-SAN...

TESSA!!

PLEASE HELP OUT EVERYONE IN MY PLACE...

AND SAGARA-SAN AS WELL...

TE...

DEC 24TH,
23:35 (JST)

UNDER THE
SEA NEAR IZU
ISLAND

MISSION 069 PERFECT TACTICS

TDD-1'S MOVEMENT IS STRANGE... WHAT IS IT DOING?

DON'T WORRY, IT'S JUST A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO CONFUSE US.

pip

EVEN THE TDD CAN'T OUTRUN THIS TOR-PEDO.

SHARK-2, SHARK-3, WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK THE TARGET FROM THREE DIRECTIONS FROM COURSE 2-4-0 AT DEPTH 300.

AFFIRM-ATIVE.

GO, PUGLIA!!

IF YOU'RE JUST RELYING ON TEXT BOOK TACTICS, YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING, MARDUKAS!!

THIS IS A PERFECT STRATEGY.

Kshun

THE TARGET IS...

AFFIRM-ATIVE AND ARMED.

JUST USE STANDARD TORPEDO FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

MISSION069 PERFECT TACTICS

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MEANWHILE, TDD

ゴォン…

Compared to the massive size of TDD, their mobility would be like a torpedo. There's no chance that we can win.

The enemy has three units capable of exceeding 50 knots...

I guess they're planning to hit and retreat...

FNT

S

...

Stare

CONE SONAR!! INCOMING TORPEDO.

BEARING 0-4-9, IT'S COMING FROM THE M13!!

Oh, man...

pip

M15
M14
M13
9183

TDD-1
1-3-6

SUCH TORPEDO DOESN'T EXIST...

THIS CAN'T BE... IT'S TOO FAST!! OVER 100 KNOTS!?

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, EVEN IF WE KNOW ITS IDENTITY, WITH THAT SPEED...

IT MAKES LESS SENSE FOR A VESSEL TO BE ABLE TO OUTRUN A TORPEDO.

DON'T PANIC. IF ANY-THING,

A SOVIET HIGH SPEED TORPEDO.

IT'S THE PUGUA.

ITS SPEED IS OVER TWICE OF OUR EQUIVALENT.

UNDER-STOOD ..

RIGHT NOW, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO EXPLAIN ALL THE TACTICAL LOGIC.

JUST STOP THINKING ABOUT IT AND DO AS I SAY, PROMPTLY, AND WITH CERTAINTY.

NOW, CHANGE COURSE TO 1-3-6, AND INCREASE SPEED TO 60 KNOTS.

AYE, SIR!

OPEN THE THIRD TORPEDO HATCH.

ONE EACH FROM M14 AND M15 BEARING 0-6-8 AND 0-8-9!

ADDITIONAL TORPEDO DETECTED, PUGLIA AGAIN!

pip

M13
M14
M15

TDD-1
1-3-6/60

APPROXI-MATELY SIXTY SECONDS TO IMPACT!

LIKE I THOUGHT ...

SPEED HAS REACHED 50 KNOTS!

TORPEDO FROM THE M13 BEARING 2-2-1!

WAIT...!! WE'RE HEADING DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE TORPEDO!!

AYE, SIR!! STOPPING THE VESSEL!! TURNING ALL THE WAY TO THE PORTSIDE!!

STOP THE VESSEL IMMEDIATELY AND TURN PORTSIDE.

COURSE 0-4-5...?

AYE, SIR!

WEAPON CONTROL, WHEN OUR COURSE MATCHES 0-4-5, FIRE THE THIRD TORPEDO.

THIRD TORPEDO LAUNCHED!!

FMFC CONTACT!!

INITIAT-ING FULL REVERSE!!

ACTIVATE THE FMFC.

ACTIVATE THE VESSEL IMMEDIATELY WITH MAXIMUM REVERSE THRUST.

It would be like a blind-folded batter hitting a 150km/h ball relying on just sound.

It's not possible to take down such a high speed torpedo!!

FCO, ARE YOU CALM?

Y... YES!!

We're finished... this sub is going down...!!

CLICK

DETONATE THE THIRD TORPEDO IMMEDIATELY

AYE, SIR.

OKAY

EVERYONE, PREPARE FOR IMPACT.

WHAAA

ボゴ"
ボゴ"
ボゴ"

The torpedo should be passing through the air bubble by now

It's coming!!

and hit this VESSEL!!

AYE, SIR.

DECREASE DEPTH TO PERISCOPE LEVEL ON COURSE 0-6-7.

STOP THE REVERSE THRUST AND MOVE FORWARD AT 2/3 THROTTLE.

NEXT.

HUH ...?

What... we took it down?

WE WILL TAKE THESE DOWN THE SAME WAY.

THE SECOND AND THIRD TORPEDO ARE STILL HEADING THIS WAY.

WE'VE CLEARED THE FIRST ONE.

SET THEM TO THE COORDINATES THAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU.

WHEN WE TAKE DOWN THE NEXT ONES, LAUNCH THE MAVERICK AT THE SAME TIME.

SHARK-1

That's impossible... He knows about the vulnerability of the Puglia...?

THEY'VE TAKEN DOWN SHARK-2 AND 3'S TORPEDO AS WELL.

Shit...

pilip

pilip

pooop

However, if it is struck with sudden impulse from a given distance, it'll lose its balance and self-destruct.

In order to maintain its high speed, Puglia travels through a large volume of air bubbles.

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WE'LL NEED TO DECREASE OUR SPEED AND LISTEN CARE-FULLY.

We've lost track of TDD's location due to the second explosion.

IF WE FIND THEM FIRST, WE WIN.

YEAH, THEY SHOULD BE OUT OF OPTIONS NOW.

LET'S LAUNCH THE ACTIVE FROM THE SONOBUOY AND CONFIRM IT'S LOCATION.

AIR BUBBLES HAVE STARTED TO CLEAR.

GEEZ, WHAT A PAIN...

WHAT...

FIVE NEW SIGNALS DETECTED AROUND SHARK-2 AND 3!!

IT'S THE MAVER-ICK!!

...Mar-dukas, you bastard!!

Anti-submarine missiles create massive sound when they're launched.

Normally, we would notice them staight away and take evasive action, but...

to mask the sound!!

He used the second explosion...

WHAT!

The torpedo we fired towards the luxury cruise will impact in five minutes.

We've already completed our primary objective... There's no point in pursuing them any further...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

AT THIS RATE, WE'LL ALSO GET TAKEN DOWN BY THE MAVERICK!!

LET'S RE-TREAT!!

DAMN!!

Annoy

I DON'T KNOW WHO IS IN COMMAND RIGHT NOW, BUT THEY'RE CLEARLY BETTER THAN US.

WE WERE TOO CARELESS AFTER HEARING THAT THEIR CAPTAIN WAS ABSENT...

...YOU REALLY THINK THAT?

OUR VESSEL IS STILL FAR MORE SUPERIOR TO THEIRS!!

THEY'VE NOW DEFINITELY USED UP THEIR OPTIONS

WHY WOULD WE NEED TO RETREAT?

IT HAS BEGAN TO ACCELERATE TOWARDS COURSE 2-0-5!

M:3 DETECTED AGAIN!! BEARING 0-3-1!

APPROXI-MATELY 50 KNOTS!!

WHAT IS THEIR SPEED?

THE LAST ENEMY IS COMING FROM THE NORTH!! WE CAN'T USE THE MAVERICK ANYMORE!!

...WHAT?

AH...

THAT'S RIGHT, M13. IF YOU STILL INTEND TO FIGHT,

THAT IS THE ONLY COURSE THAT YOU HAVE LEFT.

THIS IS

HH

pip pip pip

DON'T TELL ME

I'VE FOUND YOU, MARDUKAS!!

DRIIIIII!!

PIIP

DRIIIIII!!

PIIP

WHAT...

ADSUNUL!! WHEN DID HE LAUNCH THIS!?

...SO IT WAS BACK THEN...

GRIP

That deceptive move they showed just before we fired the Puglia...

RELEASE THE DECOYS!!

SHIT, IT'S TOO LATE!!

THE TWO ESSENTIAL QUALITIES THAT ARE VITAL FOR A SUBMARINER.

YOU LACK THE CALM AND CAUTION.

YOU BASTARD ...

MAR-DUKAS...

M13
HAS BEEN
DESTROYED!!
ADSLMM
EXPLOSION
...

THE ENEMY SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT THIS BATTLE WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT

OF THREE SOLDIERS TRYING TO TAKE DOWN A FORTRESS.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

Hmm.

I'M SURE THE CAPTAIN WOULD HAVE GIVEN SIMILAR ORDERS.

KODART, WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN LESS ANXIOUS IF THESE HAD BEEN HER ORDERS?

GULP

He foresaw everything... So this is his true ability...

THE TORPEDO IS HEADING TOWARDS THAT LUXURY CRUISE.

WELL, ANYWAY...

NO, UMMM... MY APOLOGIES.

BUT THEIR SITUATION IS STILL FAR FROM OVER.

GRIP

IT IS GAME SET FOR US.

EVERYONE, EVACUATE! WE'RE OUT OF OPTIONS NOW!!

ONE MINUTE BEFORE IMPACT... SHIT! IS THIS FOR REAL!?

STEP STEP STEP

NEVERMIND THE STUPID APOLOGIES, JUST REPEAT THE ORDER!!

TO ALL THE CREW AND PASSENGERS, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE VESSEL.

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR MAKING SUCH A REQUEST ON THIS HOLY NIGHT...

WE STILL HAVE AN OPTION.

I'LL TAKE DOWN THE TORPEDO.

THERE IS NO CALI-BRATION DATA.

CHANGE TO SNIPER MODE.

IMPACT IN THIRTY SECONDS.

DETECTED, 1 O'CLOCK, DISTANCE 1,000, APPROXI-MATE SPEED 90KM/H,

WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE, JUST FOCUS!!

SHIT...

WE HAVE FAILED TO TAKE IT DOWN. I RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE EVACUATION.

GRIP

And...

The comrades from Mithril as well as everyone at school.

This ship will be sunk...

And all the passengers will drown [illegible] thrown into the winter sea.

Chidori would die.

I'm not going to accept a fate like that.

VOOOOOOOOON

WE'RE JUMPING IN!!
ROGER.
IT'S COMING. WE CAN DO IT.
YOUR ORDERS, SER-GEANT.

CRANK

PASSTH

KHH

YOU'RE NOT...

GETTING PAST!!

THE

ENEMY TORPEDO DE-STROYED.

LAMBDA DRIVER HAS ACTI-VATED.

ROGER.

STAY ALERT, THERE MAY BE MORE COMING.

WHOOSH...

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SHIT!!

URUZ-9 TO GEBO-9, CAN YOU HEAR?

OVER THERE!!

1 O'CLOCK, DISTANCE 500.

ONE RESCUE BOAT IS MISSING... TESSA!!

SECTION C16, OBSERVA-TION DECK

IT'S GONE...

MH-46
PAPE MEA
CALL SIGN
GEBO-9

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!

TESSA IS STILL ONBOARD!? IF WE FIRE AT IT, SHE MIGHT GET HIT AS WELL!

FOUND IT! BEARING 3-4-0. DISTANCE 2,000, 30 KNOTS!

OKAY, LET'S GO AROUND FROM THE LEFT SIDE!!

DON'T MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S EASY TO DO.

CAN'T WE JUST TARGET THE ENGINE!?

BEEEEEP

OKAY, FIR...

AFFIRM-ATIVE, MASTER SERGEANT!

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T HIT THE CABIN!!

MINI-GUN ON STANDBY.

ANTI-AIR MISSILE!

SHIT!!

FWOOSH

DAMN...

IF THERE'S A SECOND ROUND, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO EVADE ANYMORE, MASTER SERGEANT!!

DAMN!

SECOND ENGINE ON FIRE!! POWER DOWN, LEFT STABILIZERS AT MAXIMUM!!

WE'RE HEADING BACK!

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HUHU HUH! ♪

HUHU HUHU HUHU HUHU HU-

……

IT'S CHRISTMAS. ENJOY.

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS WITH THE SHIP'S FACILITIES, BUT...

I'M LUCKY. THIS IS A FANTASTIC PRESENT ON THIS SPECIAL NIGHT.

IT WAS A SHAME THAT I COULDN'T GET CHIDORI KANAME.

BUT ACTUALLY, YOU'RE A VIP THAT IS EVEN HARDER TO GET.

CORRECT.

BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE PASSENGERS ON THAT LUXURY CRUISE WERE HARMLESS SOCIAL ELITES.

IT'S NO WONDER THAT SECURITY CHECKOUTS WERE MINIMAL.

THAT SHIP HAS BEEN TRAVELLING AROUND THE WORLD CAPTURING VARIOUS CANDIDATES,

SO IT'S ON THAT SHIP...

THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS USED TO INVESTIGATE KANAME-SAN ON SUI-AN.

.....

THAT MAN PROBABLY LEAKED THE INFORMATION TO YOU.

MR. FE...

I'M SURE YOU GUYS DIDN'T NOTICE THIS BY LUCK OR CHANCE...

A WONDERFUL NIGHT FLIGHT IS WAITING FOR US.

HA! HA! HA!

THUD

WE'VE ARRIVED.

SHIT!!

BIRTHDAY ON CHRISTMAS. HUH... TODAY HAS BEEN A REALLY BUSY DAY.

THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT...

TODAY IS SUPPOSED TO BE TESSA'S BIRTHDAY...

HUH?

I KNOW THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION IS SERIOUS,

BUT I HEARD THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

TESSA WAS AB-DUCTED, YOU KNOW!!

HOW CAN YOU ACT SO CAREFREE LIKE THAT...

LIEUTENANT CLOUSEAU, I HAVE A PLAN TO RESCUE THE CAPTAIN.

HOWEVER, TIME IS CRITICAL.

I KNOW. LET'S HEAR IT.

STEP

ゴゴゴゴ…

PACIFIC CHRYSALIS

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY?

ACTUALLY, I'M NOT SURE.

OKAY, LET'S TRY IT.

CAN YOU PULL OFF SOME-THING LIKE THAT?

FOR REAL?

I'VE ASKED AL TO CALCULATE AND HE SAYS IT'S POSSIBLE.

I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

THEN...

I WANT YOU TO HEAR IT WHEN I GET BACK.

SOMETHING THAT I REALIZED JUST THEN.

BUT I CAN'T LEAVE HER LIKE THIS AND SAY IT.

I WISH THAT YOU WOULD BE MORE THANKFUL.

DECEMBER 25TH, 00:13 (JST)

ABOVE PACIFIC OCEAN

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MISSION 070 VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

HUH... YOU CAN ONLY REMAIN QUIET FOR NOW.

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IT'S BECAUSE OF ME THAT YOU DIDN'T SHARE THE SAME FATE AS THOSE ON THAT SHIP.

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WHA... WHAT IS GOING ON!?

KYAH!

ドズン

WHAAAAM!!

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IT'S MITHRIL'S STOVL!

WHAT !?

THAT GIRL IS STILL ON-BOARD!!?

IT WOULD BE MORE LOGICAL TO TAKE DOWN THIS PLANE BEFORE MITHRIL'S SECRETS ARE LEAKED WITH DRUGS.

LIKE I ANTICI-PATED.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT THEY'D TAKE THIS DOWN

MISSION070 VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

IT'S NOT A PROBLEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

THIS IS CRAZY, SERGEANT SAGARA...

THOUGH I SUPPOSE IT MIGHT WORK. IN THEORY.

DECEMBER 25TH, 02:00 (JST)

TDD

UNDERSTOOD. LET US HANDLE THE DISTRACTION.

THANK YOU.

AFFIRM-ATIVE.

URUZ-7 IS GIVEN THE CLEARANCE FOR TAKE OFF. GOOD LUCK.

AIR CONTROL. PREPARA-TION IS COMPLETE.

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FIVE,

SERGEANT, BEGIN-NING COUNT-DOWN.

URUZ-7, AFFIRM-ATIVE.

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FOUR,

THREE,

TWO,

ONE,

GO.

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GUH...
TAKEOFF SUCCESS-FUL, ALTITUDE 2,000 FEET.

DUE TO LONG OPERATION TIME AT MAXIMUM THRUST.

BOOSTER IS OVER-HEATING

ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.

STANDARD TAKEOFF SEQUENCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

FOCUS ON THE CON-TROLS.

KEEP PRAYING, THIS IS A BET.

ROGER.

SHUT UP.

THIS ORDER IS NONSENSE.

8,000 FEET,

7,000 FEET,

TARGET DETECTED.

ALTITUDE AT 20,000 FEET, WE HAVE REACHED THE TARGET ALTITUDE.

ROGER.

LET'S GO!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

GET AWAY FROM THEM!!

WHAA!

WHAA...!

THEY'RE FIRING WARNING SHOTS!

IF WE DON'T DECREASE ALTITUDE, IT'LL BE DANGER-OUS!!

DON'T BE STUPID!! THEY DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO DROP US!!

IF WE LET THEM HEAR HER VOICE ON THE WIRELESS...

THE GIRL...

LET ME CHECK THE CAMERAS.

CLICK

THAT WASN'T LIGHTNING.

WHAT WAS THAT JUST THEN!?

SHIT... WHAT THE HELL IS THAT...

WHAT'S WRONG!?

SOMETHING FROM ABOVE. ALTITUDE DROPPED SUDDENLY...

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, THE FRAME WOULD FALL APART IF WE DID THAT!!

SHAKE IT OFF!!

ZOOM IN.

WHO KNOWS ...

HEY... WHAT IS HE DOING?

EXPLO-
SIVES!?

BOOM

GRIT

WHAT IS HE PLAN-NING...

That man...

He's planning to enter

all on his own!?

KILL HIM!! IT'S JUST ONE ENEMY!!

TCHAK

GU..

GAH!

PA-

PA-

Shit...
The damage
to the plane
is exceeding
limits.

カ

HEY! CAN YOU STILL SHOOT WITH THIS!?

TCHAK

DAMN...

STEP

SAGARA-SAN!

CAPTAIN, I'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU.

!

Remove

HHHH

I REFUSE...

THIS PLANE IS GOING DOWN, BUT YOU STILL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO EVACUATE.

GIVE UP AND HAND OVER THE GIRL.

I'LL DECIDE WHEN MY LIFE ENDS,

AS WELL AS YOURS.

I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU STAY HERE 'TIL THE END.

EVEN IF I EVACUATE, THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NEVER FORGIVE ME.

NO MATTER WHERE I ESCAPE IN THIS WORLD, I'LL STILL BE KILLED.

DAMN ...

bzzt

THERE'S NO TIME LEFT, EVACUATE!!!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU'LL SHOOT FEARING THAT POSSIBILITY!

IT REALLY STINKS.

THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH YOU "HERO" TYPES.

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CAN YOU SHOOT!? YOU'LL HIT HER!

REBEL AGAINST FATE,

AND END EVERY-THING!!

GRIP

BUT AMALGAM CAN!!

STO...

ACT
DROP

SORRY ...
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY... OUR ESCAPE ROUTE...
I'M FINE...
TESSA !!

WE'RE GOING TO JUMP.

HAU

WE'VE USED UP TOO MUCH TIME.

THERE'S NO PARACHUTE, BUT...

PULL

PLEASE HOLD ON TIGHT.

O... OKAY...

下水

WHAT ...?

PREPARE FOR IMPACT!!

OPEN PARA-CHUTE, NOW!!

ROGER.

SHUT UP.

EVEN IF CHRISTMAS IS SUPPOSED TO INCREASE THE ODDS FOR PROBA-BILITY...

TONIGHT HAS BEEN FULL OF ULTRA C.

Why...

PROBA-BLY...

JUST THE IMPACT... BUT I'M FINE.

TESSA, ANY INJURIES?

I already know that this isn't some simple case

of a prince coming to save the...

...princess.

Risking your life like this...

...did you come to save me?

If I was Kaname-san back then,

you probably wouldn't have been able to fire.

SAGARA-SAN...

DO YOU LOVE KANAME-SAN?

...I THINK SO.

MORE THAN ME?

...I already know the answer...

but I'm going to say goodbye today

to the sixteen year old me that loved you.

YES.

IT'S OPEN!!

ACCORDING TO THE MAN AT THE SCENE,

THE WOMAN HE MET ONBOARD PERFORMED EMERGENCY TREATMENT, THEN DISAP-PEARED.

THERE ARE NO ISSUES WITH EVACUATION OF THE PASSENGERS.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT HERO?

AFFIRM-ATIVE!!

WE ONLY HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES LEFT.

URUZ-2, INVESTIGATE AND RECORD EVERYTHING.

...EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS?

CLICK

WHEW.

I TOLD YOU THAT WAS HER FATE...

OF COURSE SHE'S STILL FINE.

WHAT ABOUT CHIDORI KANAME?

THE OPERATION WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE. WE LOST THE ALASTORS AND THE SHIP.

LIEUTENANT KALININ.

ANYWAY, HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR"

ONCE AGAIN WE WERE SOMEHOW DRAGGED INTO ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK,

BUT I'M GLAD THAT EVERYONE IS STILL SAFE

DECEMBER 28TH

TOKYO-TO CHOFU-SHI

JINDAI HIGH SCHOOL

I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

OUR SCHOOL TRIP ENDED JUST LIKE THAT TOO... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

WHAT A PAIN THAT WE HAD TO COME TO SCHOOL JUST FOR HOME ROOM...

WAIT, CHIDORI.

HEY... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!

HAVE FUN, YOU TWO!

OOOOH! WE BETTER NOT GET IN THEIR WAY.

RUSTLE

I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU...

...SO, WHAT IS IT?

CLOSE

THIS IS LAPIS LAZULI.

I GOT IT WHEN I WAS IN AFGHANISTAN... I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT.

IT'S NOT FOR THAT.

BUT... YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN ME A CHRISTMAS PRESENT...

T... THANK YOU.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

AND...

SORRY FOR BEING LATE...

I THOUGHT THIS WOULD FIT YOU FROM LONG BACK...

THANK YOU.

IT'S A BIT LATE TOO, BUT...

MERRY CHRISTMAS...

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

DO YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING?

MEMO-RIES DON'T MATTER ANYMORE.

Squeek

I CAN REDO THEM AS MANY TIMES AS I WANT.

GRIP

THAT'S RIGHT, LET'S REDO EVERYTHING FROM HERE.

MELIDA ISLAND

MISSION 071 THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

IT'S UNDER-GROUND?

YES, IT HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AROUND DANAAN'S MAINTENANCE DOCKS.

CRRM

HOWEVER, THIS IS FAR BIGGER THAN THE ONE AT YAMSK 11.

MISSION 071 THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

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〈TARTAROS〉

TELECHRONO ALTERATION REACTOR TRANSFER AND RESPONSE OMNI-SPHERE

Telechrono Alteration Reactor Transfer And Response Omni-Sphere

WITH A DIAMETER OF 53 METERS, IT'LL BECOME THE WORLD'S LARGEST TAROS WHEN IT'S COMPLETE.

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TOKYO

TO

CHOUFU-SHI

JINDAI HIGH SCHOOL

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Everyone in the class can feel it deep inside.

3年4組

...Ever since that day...

This isn't just because of the anxiety about the future, or the upcoming final exams...

They still can't laugh even if something funny happens.

It has been nearly a year since

Chidori Kaname and Sagara Sousuke disappeared.

On that day...

our normal school life changed forever.

Without them, the school has become too quiet, and it's become uncomfortable...

We no longer hear any dangerous explosions,

the sound of the Harisen being slammed around by her

or the cries of the students being dragged into the mess.

Even when the school was repaired and the TV reporters disappeared,

our school life never returned like it used to be.

Since his grades were borderline to begin with... I doubt that he'd even return.

Of course she has been absent from school for too long,

so even if she returned, she'd have to repeat the second year,

that promise he made last year to all of us at the class room.

But I still can't forget...

NO MATTER WHAT, I WILL BRING HER BACK.

Those... weren't the eyes of someone that was lying.

Compared to him... my concerns right now are...

but there wasn't anything that a normal high school student could find out...

I trusted those words and tried to find out what I could about him and the organization,

I HEARD THAT TOKIWA'S ADMISSION HAS ALREADY BEEN CONFIRMED

TOKIWA-SAN WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS SAYING IN THE PAST THAT SHE WAS PLANNING TO WORK AT A TOY COMPANY.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING.

(PUNCH)

I'M FINE BECAUSE I'M GOING TO TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY FROM NOW ON.

WOW.

THIS IS PRETTY BAD, IT'S MOSTLY D-GRADE.

RIIIIP

YEAH...

SHE WORKED REALLY HARD AFTER COMING OUT OF THE REHAB...

YOU KNOW...

SHE RECENTLY STARTED TO TALK ABOUT THAT TIME JUST BEFORE SHE GOT THOSE INJURIES.

IS TOKIWA-SAN GOING THERE AGAIN TODAY?

YEAH, SHE SENT AN EMAIL EARLIER THAT SHE JUST FINISHED THE TESTS.

BUT HER MIND STILL HASN'T...

HER WOUNDS HAVE HEALED,

REGARD-LESS OF THAT, THOUGH, SHE'S DOING WELL.

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THAT HE WAS DESPERATELY TRYING TO HELP HER...

W... WHAT DID SHE SAY?

...WHAT?

EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT IT WAS ALL A TRAP, BUT HE STILL TRIED TO DISABLE THE BOMBS.

...SHE MENTIONED ABOUT SAGARA.

SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S REGRETTING IT.

YET SHE SAID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS TO HIM...

...YOU TOO?

KYOKO NEARLY DIED BECAUSE THEY KEPT SECRETS FROM US.

MY OPINION HASN'T CHANGED SINCE BACK THEN.

AS IF...

NOT A CHANCE IN HELL...

W... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HRM

ARE YOU SURE?

ISN'T THE REAL TRUTH THAT BOTH OF YOU WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO SAGARA-KUN?

MORNING KAZAMA-KUN, ONO D.

WHAT? WHY WOULD I...

WHAT ARE YOU BOTH FIGHTING ABOUT?

WE'RE NOT.

HOW WERE THE TESTS?

THE RESULTS WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK, THOUGH I THINK EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE..

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?

DON'T BE STUPID, IT WAS JUST A QUESTION

HEY, YOU TWO.

I'VE... GOT A SMALL PLAN THAT I'M THINKING OF.

PLAN?

I'M PLANNING TO DO IT SOMETIME DURING JANUARY, WHEN EVERYONE CAN GATHER.

SMALL VILLAGE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF LONDON.

ONE HOUR DRIVE NORTH OF HELENFORD.

BRAKE

It's been 38 years...

Every summer, my father and I stayed for a week in this village where he taught me about many things.

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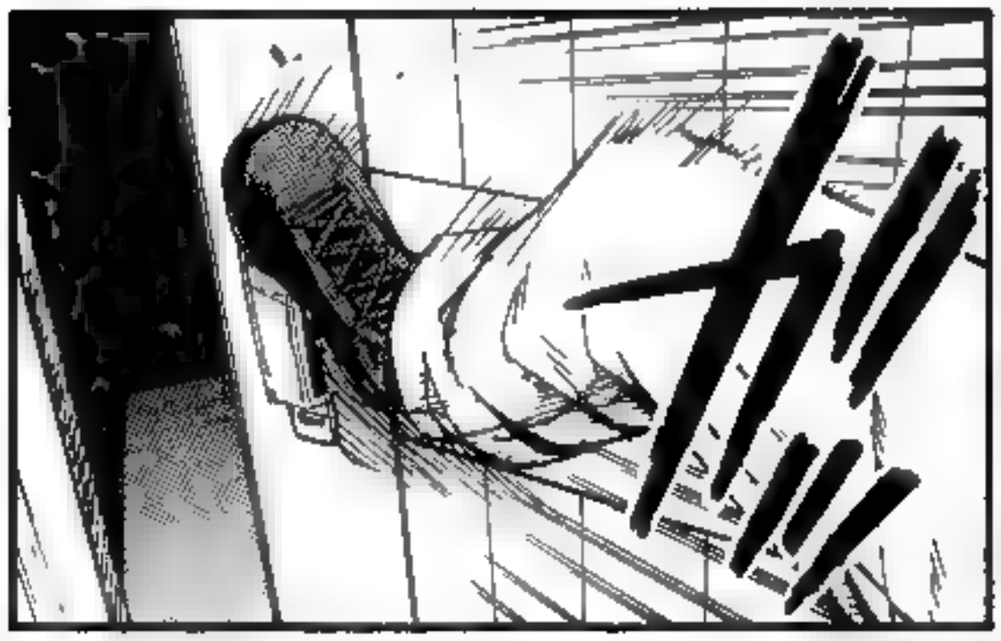
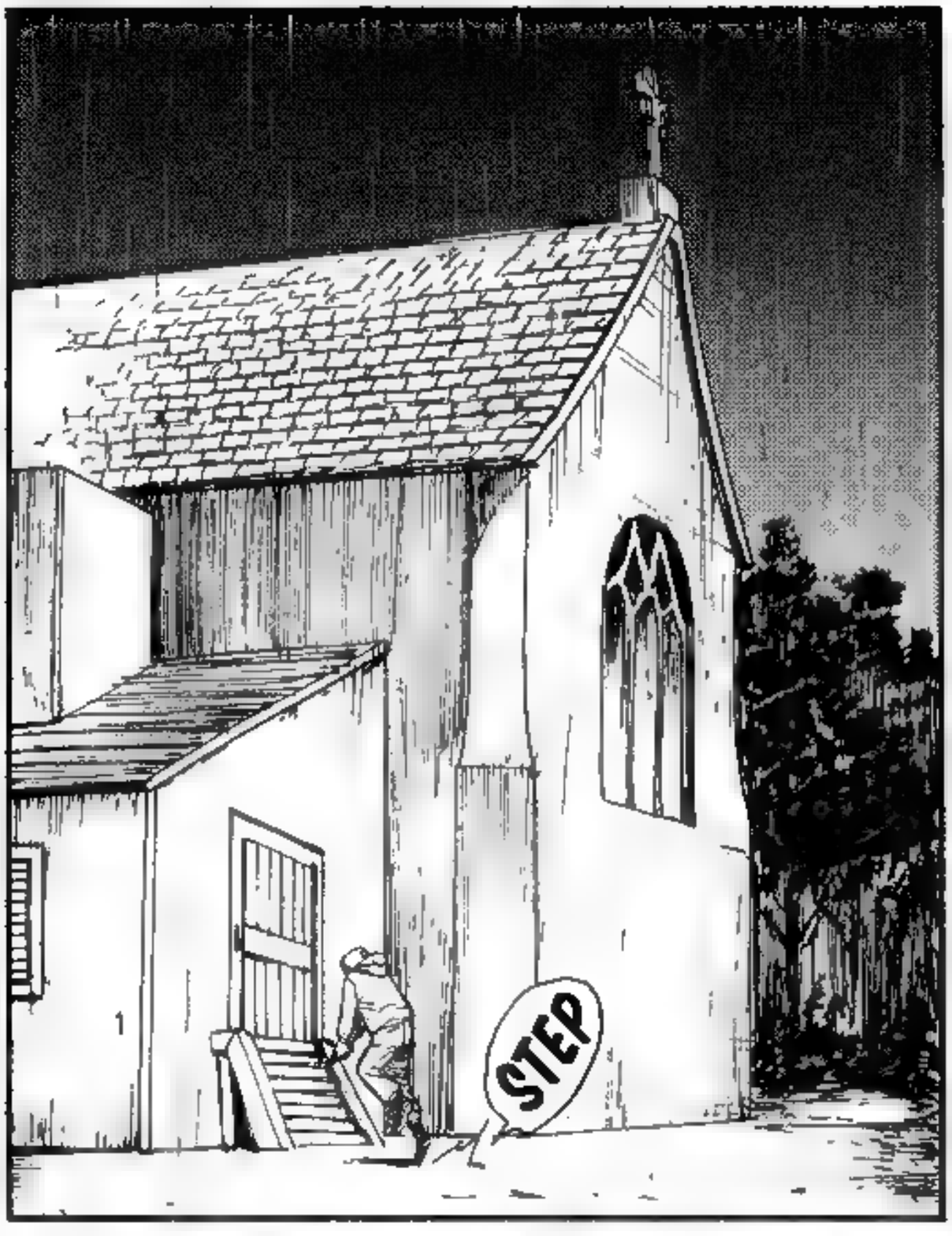
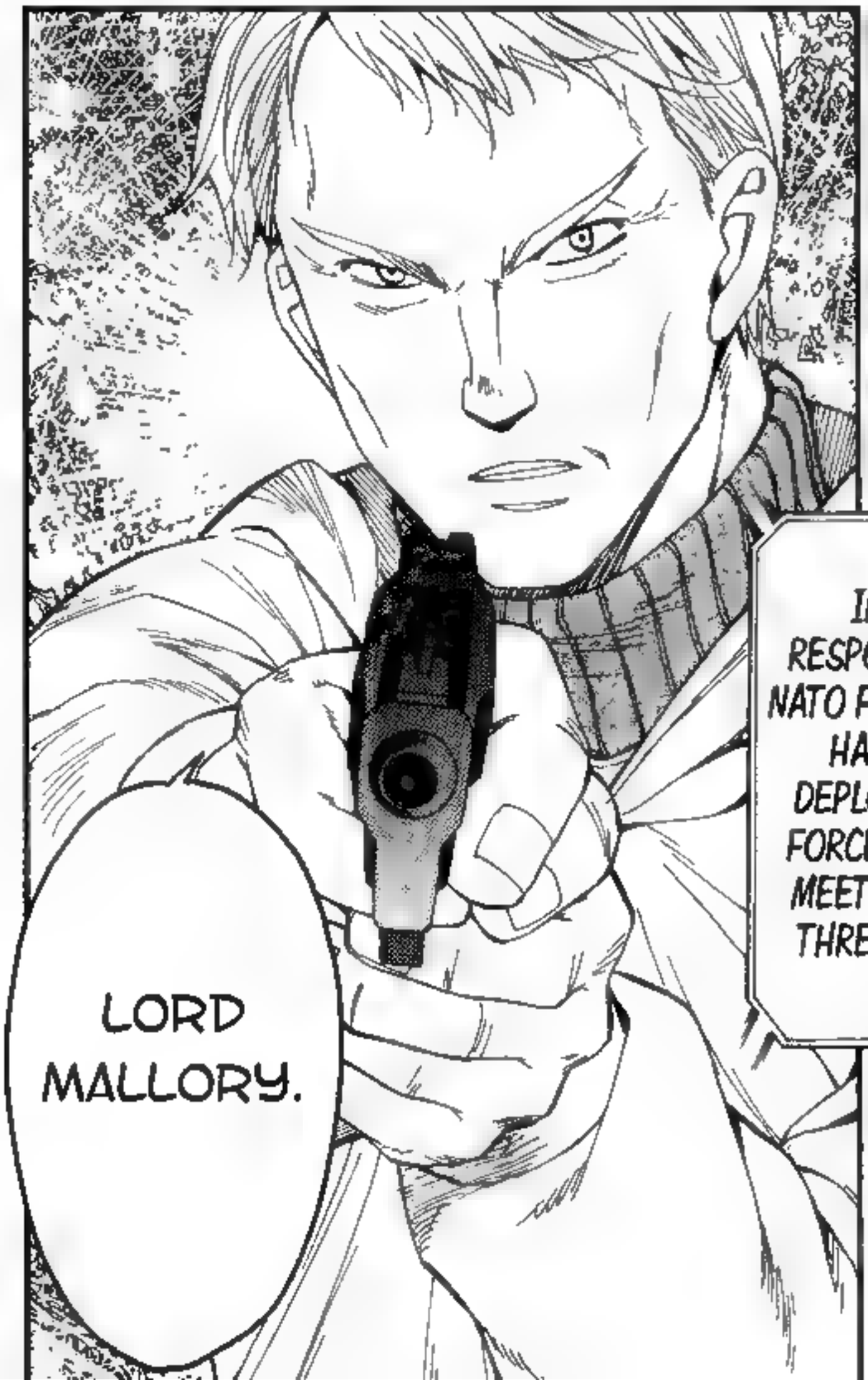


DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, OFFENSIVE ATTACKS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO ESCALATE.





LORD MALLORY.

IN RESPONSE, NATO FORCES HAVE DEPLOYED FORCES TO MEET THIS THREAT...

SOVIET'S WULSHWA MILITARY HAS BEGAN A LARGE SCALE EXERCISE INCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR LAUNCHING NUCLEAR MISSILES.

YOU TOOK YOUR TIME, SIR MALLORY.

THE HOLY BIBLE

YOU CAME HERE TO KILL ME, RIGHT?

MY SON...

THE HOLY BIBLE

BUT BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO KNOW

YES.

WHY YOU BETRAYED US...

AND HANDED MITHRIL TO THEM.

that my father had created.

Mithril was an organization

To stop the destruction of this world, it required the power of an organization beyond the limitation of any single country.

Just before the 21st century, the ongoing battles between the U.S. and the Soviet

Mithril was originally supposed to act as the blade that would secretively remove the world leaders.

had continued to devastate various areas.

I was the person designated to act as the scout man.

However, it was difficult to gather suitable young and intelligent military personnel.

By utilizing the assets and personnel under control by the Mallory family,

Mithril's hardware had started to take shape.

I managed to gather various war heroes that would eventually form the backbone of the organization.

I TRULY BELIEVED IN YOUR IDEALS, AND I WAS PROUD OF YOU.

I THOUGHT THAT THIS ORGANIZA-TION WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ON THE "REAL TRUTH" THAT I SAW COUNTLESS TIMES WHILE I STILL SERVED IN THE MILITARY.

THAT IS WHY I DECIDED TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING!!

MY ENTIRE LIFE FOR THIS ORGANI-ZATION!!

THAT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN JUST AN ILLUSION.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MITHRIL,

AN IMAGINARY NAME OF A MYTHICAL METAL THAT A LINGUISTIC HIGH SCHOOLER CAME UP WITH.

AT FIRST, I TOO THOUGHT MITHRIL COULD BECOME THE SILVER SWORD THAT WOULD STRIKE AGAINST EVIL,

BUT THE REALITY WAS DIFFERENT.

WHILE YOU FOUNDED MITHRIL,

YOU WERE ALSO SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH AMALGAM.

GRIT

THAT IS THE OUTCOME YOU HAD CREATED...

THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY OWN PERSONAL ENCRYPTION KEY, BUT I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU SOMEHOW MANAGED TO FIND OUT.

THE BIGGEST CLUE WAS FINDING ENCRYPTED DATA ON THE NETWORK RELATED TO SHARE VALUES FOR MOST OF THE NAMELESS COMPANIES THAT WERE ACTING AS YOUR SPONSORS.

JUST PRIOR TO THEIR MAJOR ASSAULT, YOU HAD CONVENIENTLY DISAPPEARED AS IF YOU HAD KNOWN IN ADVANCE.

THE FACT IS, YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT AMALGAM.

THIS IS NOT LIKE YOU.

HAVE YOU RETIRED TO THIS SMALL VILLAGE AFTER ABANDONING THE ORGANIZATION YOU FOUNDED WHILE STILL BEING CONNECTED WITH THE ENEMY?

THEN WHY...

IT WAS CREATED MERELY TO CONTROL THE POWER BALANCE OF AMALGAM THAT I COULD NO LONGER KEEP CONTROL OF.

MITHRIL WAS JUST LIKE AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD.

HAS THE TRUE IDEALS TO LEAD THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY.

IN REALITY, AMALGAM ITSELF

IDEALS...?

WHAT KIND OF CRAP IS THIS!?

drip

GGH...

AHHH...

Ahhh

The window... Shit!

DAMN ...

How could I be this careless...

Just when the only weapon I have is that gun...!!

DAMN!

!!

YOU'RE...

ANDREI KALININ...

TO BE CONTINUED

Postscript
Mission 16

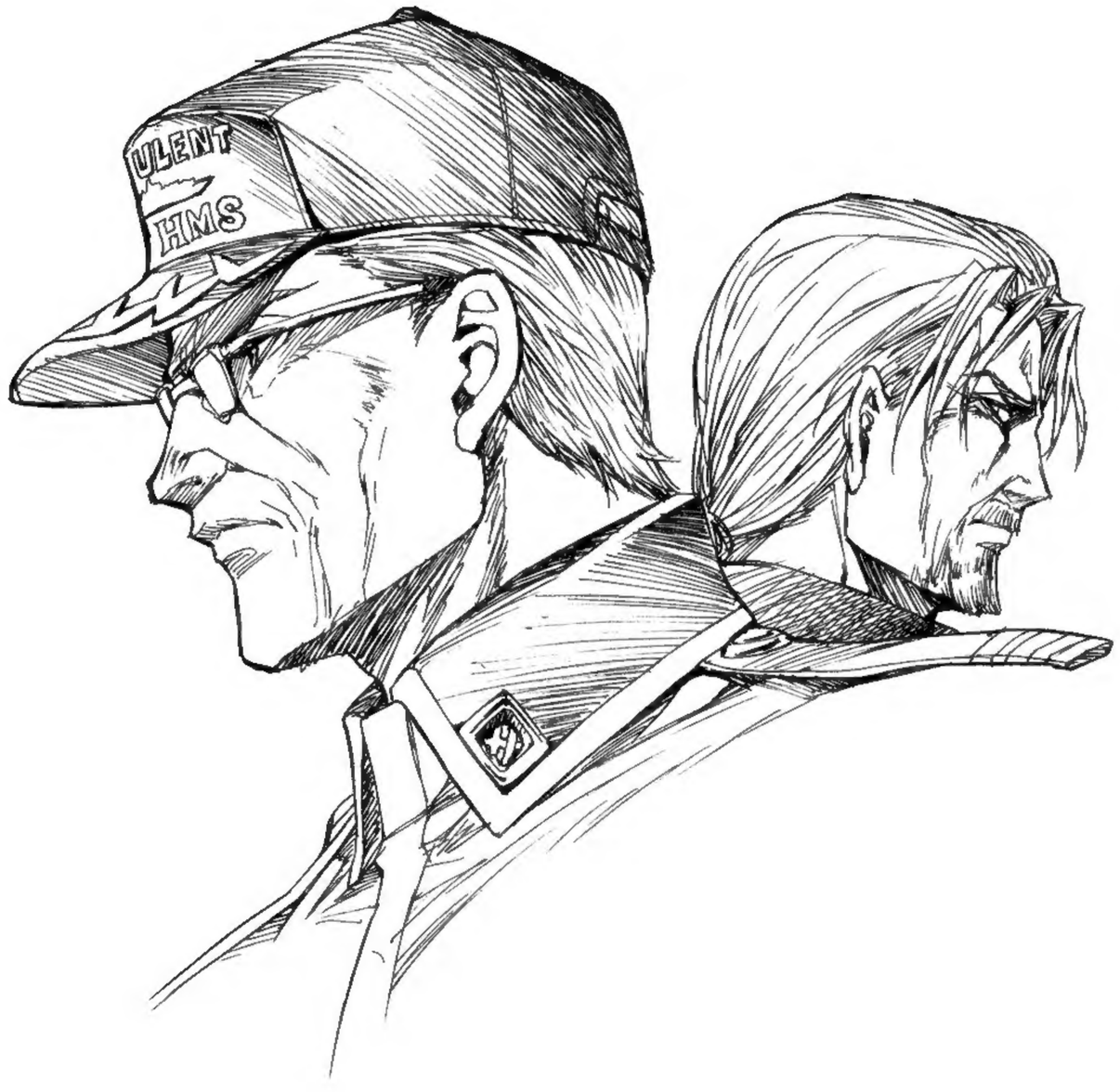
Thank you for your continuous support! Thank youu!

The cover picture is Kalinin-san, and this is the first time ever in the Full Metal Panic series with an old guy for the cover picture. Having thought about the number of remaining volumes 'til the end, I had an opportunity with this volume so I decided to use it.

In this volume, Mr. Mardukas is the main lead so it was quite difficult to decide who fits better the "old guy" but throughout this series, Kalinin-san stands out for being the "most important old guy," so he wins.

The background is the Arbalest, which was the A.S. unit that Sousuke used to pilot whilst Kalinin-san was still with Mithril. Coloring is similar to the one used during the 1st season of the anime.

We have now completed the "Very Merry Christmas" arc and finally started the last arc, "Stand By Me".
Unfortunately only old guys are involved in this episode!!
Even the Postscript picture!



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